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CONGREGATIONAL KANSAS

MARCH 1952

Korab From Kansas For Moderator General Council

A Kansan, Frank H. Korab of Kansas City First Pilgrim, is a candidate for Moderator of the General Council, the election to take place at Claremont, California, during the sessions of the Council to be held June 18 to 25, 1952.

On February 11, 1952 the Board of Trustees of our Conference, meeting in Toueka, unanimously recommended him for the position, pledging their full support.

Committee Appointed

The Board named a committee of seven to acquaint our Congregational-Christian friends over the state and in the nation of our desire to have the moderatorship come to the middle west for the next biennium. This area has not been so represented since 1940 when the Hon. William E. Sweet of Denver was elected.

Frank is well qualified for the job; he works in his own local church, has been chairman of Kansas Laymen's Fellowship, Moderator of the Kansas Conference and Chairman of the Unit Plan in its last and final year. In National Congregational-Christian circles he has been a member of the Missions Council and the Council for Social Action, and on the nominating committee of the General Council. He is a member of the assembly of the Division of the Home Missions Board of the National Council of Churches. He is a graduate and a trustee of Doane College at Crete, Nebraska.

His Devotion Is Unlimited

Everyone who knows Frank realizes he's a hard worker with unbounded enthusiasm for what he thinks important to do. All he has of time, money and talent, he gives to his church.

Let's elect him Moderator of The General Council in June!

Mr. E. C. Wedell, Chr. Committee
Mrs. John W. Gibson
Mr. Chester Bidleman
Mrs. E. C. Garrison
Mr. Gordon Jones
Mr. Dan Hopkins
Dr. Charles W. Helsley

Korab from Kansas for Moderator!

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One Great Hour March 23, 1952

One Great Hour of Sharing programs will be featured on the radio and thru newspapers the week of March 16-23. Offerings received in the special blue envelopes on March 23 will go to six crisis areas thru the Relief and Reconstruction Division of Our Christian World Mission.

In Korea 10 million men, women and children are homeless and destitute ... a whole countryside has been devastated . . . homes are in ashes . . . shops and factories are piles of rubble.

In case you failed to order supplies, a limited supply of envelopes and folders is on hand at the state office.

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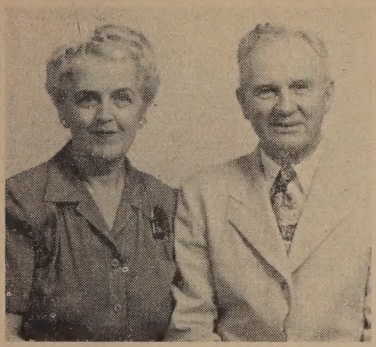

Dr and Mrs. L. E. Call
of Manhattan

Back To The Philippines

Dr. L. E. Call, dean emeritus of the School of Agriculture at Kansas State College, has accepted a two year appointment as Agricultural Advisor to the Mutual Security Agency in the Philippines and will be going to Manila by plane about the middle of March. He will be working with the department of agriculture of the Philippine government and with the central experiment station at Los Banos. He will assist some members of the Cornell University faculty who will be rehabilitating the program of the Agricultural College of the University of the Philippines. This will be Dean Call's fourth trip to that part of the world. He first visited the islands in 1946 when he was chief of an agricultural mission under the auspices of the United States Department of Agriculture.

In 1949-50 he held a Fullbright Professorship at Silliman University. Last fall he was there again as Agricultural consultant to the Economic Cooperation Administration.

Mrs. Call was with him at Silliman and taught classes in art. She plans to join him in Manila next summer, but is remaining here until after her daughter's wedding. As sponsor for the Kansas State chapter of Sigma Eta Chi, she also is busy with the plans for the national meeting of this Congregational sorority at Manhattan from June 12 to 14.

It is a happy coincidence that Dean Call's daughter, Mrs. Roy H. Goss and her two children soon will be going to the Philippines where her husband is stationed at Clark Field, about forty miles north of Manila.

The Call's are very helpful members of our Manhattan Church. The Dean has recently presented to the church a beautiful Sandzen painting of a Smoky Valley Sunset for the social room, and his wife has worked out some very attractive plans for refurnishing that room. They will be greatly missed during these next two years, but we are glad that we can share them and their ability with the people of other lands.

—Charles T. Brewster, Minister.

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Mr. Benson's Condition Critical

A letter from Mrs. Vernon Benson on February 28 states that his condition remains very critical with no improvement. He was released from Mayo's Clinic on February 18 and is being cared for in a hospital at Zumbrota, Minnesota, 4½ miles from his brother's farm home. Mrs. Benson has been with him for more than a month. She asks that we express her sincere appreciation for the cards, letters and prayers from Kansas friends. She expressed special thanks for the letter from ministers attending Convocation and the generous financial help of the McPherson Church.

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To New York

Supt. L. M. Rymph and Attorney Roscoe Graves attended a meeting of the General Council Executive Committee early in March. Dr. Rymph also visited several Eastern seminaries.

My First Ministers' Convocation

The Ministers' Convocation held in Topeka February 12, 13 and 14 brought together ministers of our denomination from all over the state of Kansas. A motley group they are. No one seminary predominates. You have difficulty in finding a ministerial type. When you look at this conference and try and say what is representative of Congregationalism in the ministry, the answer will not be forthcoming. For at this meeting you had ritualists and evangelists, social gospel men and Barthians, the stout and the slim, immaculately groomed clerical aesthetes, rough and ready lumbering homespun preachers.

Fellowship — Food — Fun

What brought these ministers together from far and near? Of course the speakers were good. Much was to be gained from the lectures and discussions. Some may have come just for this part of the program. However, the thing that brought most of these people together was the opportunity to meet in the intimacy of Superintendent Merle Rymph's home and enjoy the fellowship. This rubbing of elbows, and getting to know the other fellow, hearing him tell what he is doing, his hopes and aspirations, his problems — what lifts him up and what knocks him down. A comraderie grew out of this that is healthy for a conference. The Rymph's did much to create the atmosphere for this. The Erickson's were always on hand to help them, as was Pauline Bloomer. The breakfasts and refreshments served by Ruth Rymph were out of this world and will go down in Kansas Congregational history. The hours spent at the Rymph's will not be soon forgotten. The dormitory stories will be retold and remembered for months.

Program Uplifting

On the serious side, the morning devotions led by Chaplain Meador were spiritually rich and excellent preparation for the program of the day. The representatives of Washburn University were most courteous and hospitable. Dr. Allan Hackett's addresses were most stimulating and challenging. The Pastoral counseling Clinic was of real help to all that attended. The Rev. Quentin Leisher from The American Board gave the group a fresh outlook on missions. To First Church and Seaman Church everyone felt grateful for their cooperation in entertaining a great convocation.

—Henry Eden Wright, Great Bend.

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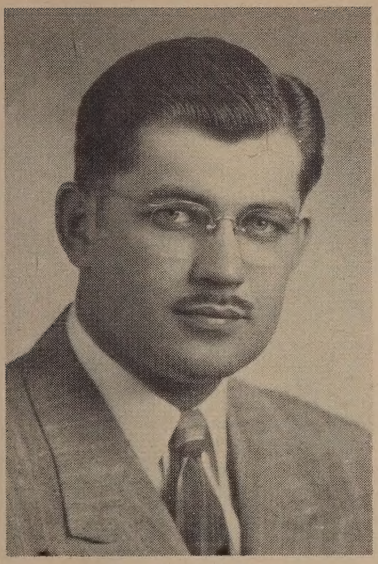
The Rev. Reinhold Klein Reports

Perhaps as impressive and inspirational as a pastor's first church, is likewise his first venture into a new fellowship. The annual Ministers' Convocation held recently at Topeka presented such an occasion and opportunity to me. Might I say that it was the hospitality which was impressive and the program inspirational.

I really admit that it was with some misgivings that I approached the drawing room of Benton Hall, locale of the Convocation Sessions, for I had seen portrayed, in the "Congregational Kansas" publication, the pictures of numerous worthy pastors of the State of Kansas. These men often portrayed in clerical garb had impressed me as perhaps "doctors of distinction." As I read the Convocation program and took note of some of the names indicated thereon, I became certain that the meeting I proposed to attend was to be a meeting of distinguished minds and men.



Rev. Reinhold Klein
Bazine - Alamota Parish

On the other hand I suspect that those few who knew that a fellow pastor from the German Congregational work was going to attend the Convocation also harbored certain expectations. Perhaps an elderly man with an Albert Schweitzer mustache and a definite gutteral speech pattern.

To our mutual joy, however, we all found gathered a group of human pastors working in equally human congregations and badly in need of fellowship. Hence, we all proceeded to become acquainted, fellowship as perhaps pastors can best fellowship and receive from the Conference Sessions an abundance of information and inspiration. In all this the Convocation was immensely successful beyond anything I had previously experienced.

Mrs. Klein, our 2½ year old daughter, Sharon, and I first came to work in the Bazine-Alamota Parish in the summer of 1950. The following nine months we made return trips from our Seminary at Yankton, South Dakota. Since June 1, 1951 we have been at home in the parsonage at Bazine. Both my wife and I are city-reared folk who have found in the rural ministry of Kansas a great satisfaction and joy difficult to express in words.

I am sure all pastors of our Kansas Conference join me in expressing our gratitude to the Rymph's, Dr. Hackett, First Church, Seaman Church, and all others who contributed to the grand impression and impact of the Convocation.

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Kiowa

The valentine theme was carried out at a luncheon for the Church School teachers on the occasion of Miss Bloomer's visit early in February. On Sunday Miss Bloomer was guest leader at a joint meeting of the P.F. groups from Kiowa and Anthony.

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Topeka Preaching Mission

Under the auspices of the Topeka Council of Churches the Rev. Charles B. Templeton of the National Council of Churches will conduct two weeks meetings in Topeka beginning Easter Sunday evening, April 13. He will be assisted by Mrs. Templeton, an accomplished singer, Miss Margaret Applegarth, Dr. Jesse Bader and Dr. Adolph Killer.

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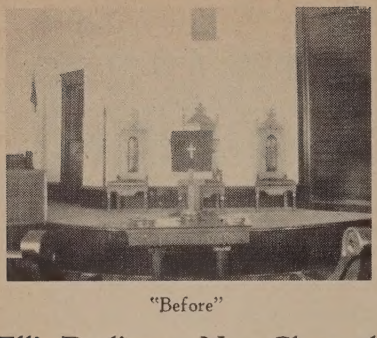
Area Meeting

The Conference Board of Trustees and Stewardship Committee, with other Key People, forty in all, have been invited to Wichita on March 26 to discuss plans relating to a Church Building Revolving Fund with Mr. William K. Newman of New York and the Rev. Frank Edwards of Chicago. Wichita Pilgrim, our new church, will be hosts for the one-day session.



"Before"

Ellis Dedicates New Chancel

Great was the rejoicing of members and friends of the Ellis Congregational Church on Sunday, February 17, when the new Chancel and Choir pews were dedicated in services of impressive dignity. The Rev. Fred Smith, minister, had charge of the Dedicatory Service in the Morning Service of Worship. The State Superintendent, Dr. Rymph brought a splendid message in his morning sermon. Special music was presented by the Adult Choir. An intereesting feature of the service was the baptism of the young child: Otto Fredick Colborg, whose parents had given the baptismal font. Mr. Rex Pearson was soloist, Mr. Lee Smith was the guest Conductor of the Choir, with Jen Ellen Neff playing the Nicholson Memorial Organ.

Fred Smith spoke the word of remembrance in which he briefly reviewed the work of those who in past years had built the church and made possible the new improvements. Special reference was made of the interest and initiatory gift of the late Mrs. Winona Nicholson which provided the incentive to carry the dream of a transfigured church to a realized deed. Jack Nicholson spoke appreciatively of the work of the members and friends with special reference to the work of the pastor and his wife.

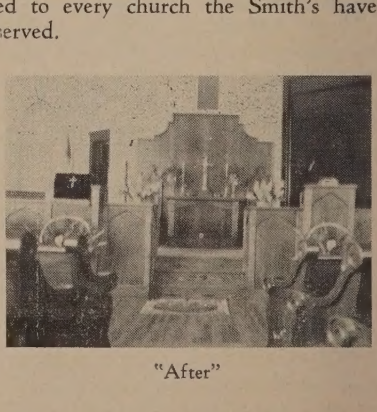
At the afternoon session the Rev. Hans Poppe of Russell spoke wise words of counsel concerning the new opportunities for reverential worship afforded by the new arrangement. The Adult Choir sang and the Junior Choir gave special numbers under the direction of Mrs. Albert Rowland. The Rev. S. LePage brought greetings from Stockton and Mr. Chester Bidleman from Kinsley. The Rev. Paul Mundell and the Rev. Wm. H. Goede, local pastors, brought words of congratulation.

Following this service refreshments were served in the Social Rooms.

Many memorial and appreciation gifts have been made of the furnishings of the chancel and those of the altar table. A substantial gift from the Ladies' Aid made possible the achievement of this new project free from any debt. This group has also ordered new carpet to be laid in the near future. Just one more great improvement in a series of improvements made during the present three-year pastorate of the Rev. and Mrs. Fred Smith.

A list of all gifts together with the names of the donors, has been recorded in a special section of the Guest Book of the Church.

Major improvements have been added to every church the Smith's have served.



"After"

Dr. Truman B. Douglass
Conference Guest

State Conference May 6, 7 and 8, 1952

Enthusiasm runs high for the Annual Meeting of our State Conference to be held in the lovely Emporia Church this spring. The Rev. S. J. Williams and his people are making big preparations.

Truman B. Douglass

As Executive Vice President of the Board of Home Missions, Dr. Douglass has pioneered in the field of church union. He came to his National post from Pilgrim Congregational Church in St. Louis. He will bring three addresses at the conference.

Dr. Alfred W. Swan

Dr. Swan will bring special leadership to the conference sessions on Wednesday May 7. He has been minister of the large First Congregational Church of Madison, Wisconsin for the past 22 years. Dr. Swan was a member of the organizing committee of the Council for Social Action and was its chairman from 1940-42. In 1943 he became the first chairman of the Congregational Christian Service Committee.

Miss Mildred Widber

Coming to Conference after ten days work in the state giving leadership to area institutes, Miss Widber of the Division of Christian Education in Boston will give guidance on Church School problems, especially as they relate to the child and his family. She will be available for counseling individuals and groups throughout the conference.

Darley Downs

Mr. Downs, whose missionary career in Japan began in 1919, is now home on furlough and will come to Emporia, his home town, for our conference. Mr. Downs was interned in the Philippines for two and one half years; being in three camps including the infamous Los Banos Camp where he acted as interpreter and liason person saving many lives by his calmness and intelligent work. He has taught at both Doshisha University and Kobe College.

General Council Delegates

The first afternoon's program will include the election of unit delegates. Kansas is entitled to 17 unit delegates and four at large. A special committee appointed by the conference board of trustees has revised the units according to the new membership lists. Copies of these listings will be sent to each church in the near future.

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Report On Easter

Will churches please send in brief accounts of Easter activities and accessions for use in May magazine?

Kansas Women's Department

Mrs. E. C. Garrison, President

In Memory

As evidence of the love and respect of those who knew them, the following names have been added to the Women's Department Memorial Fund Roll of Honor.

Mrs. Mae M. Glotfelder
Mrs. Hattie B. Davis
Miss Sarah Ann Atherton
Mrs. Sara Reese

By Emporia Women's Association

Mrs. Susan Packard
Miss Florence Slocum
Miss Lina Wickard
Mrs. Charles W. Bailey

By Manhattan Women's Association

Mrs. Lillie Tallman
Reverend Annie Switzer

By Downs Women's Society

Reverend Annie Switzer

By Almena Women's Guild

Mrs. Mamie Henneberg
Mrs. Mary Andrick
Mrs. Fannie Courtney

By Wheaton Ladies' Aid

Mrs. Lemuella Wilcox

By Anthony Plymouth Daughters and Women's Missionary Auxiliary

Mrs. Emilie Dorman
Mrs. Gertrude Bell
Mrs. Fred Shumate
Mrs. William Blakey
Mrs. Charles Fankhauser

By Great Bend Women's Fellowship

Mrs. Fannie Porter
Mrs. Mildred Hill
Mrs. Blanche Wood
Mrs. C. H. Goodrich

By Kansas City First Pilgrim Whatsoever Circle

Mrs. Katherine Reynolds
Mrs. Amy Bishop

By Kansas City Welborn Guild and Missions

Mrs. Bertha Butterwick
Mrs. Mae Smith

By Hutchinson Women's Fellowship

Mrs. Minnie McNary
Mrs. Essie Jones
Mrs. Marie Leuze
Mrs. Hattie Ralston
Mrs. Francis Haines
Mrs. Dora Palmer

By Sabetha Ladies' Service Guild

Mrs. Maggie Kettle
Mrs. Alice Trimble
Mrs. H. E. Hudson

By Independence Daughters

Mrs. Cora Burtram

By Partridge Community Guild

Social Action

Last May the State Conference Committee for Social Action asked the Women's Department to make a survey of the restaurants of the state regarding the serving of negroes. This fact-finding survey is to give the state committee an over-all picture of conditions in Kansas. The survey itself can be conducted in a short time and completed if all groups will get the material and send it to your Social Action Chairman. You may discuss it in your local church groups if you so desire, but the plan called for only the survey at this time.

Western Association has done a fine piece of work in completing the survey and getting the answers to Mrs. Bideman, Association Secretary. She has compiled them and sent them to the State Chairman.

The women in Manhattan have hit on a practical way to conduct their survey. They go to local restaurants in mixed groups, to be served, thus discovering exactly what the proprietor will do in such a case. It sounds interesting.

State Conference time is drawing near and we are anxious to have the state-wide survey completed at that time. If your local group has not finished, will you do it as soon as possible? It won't take you long to get answers to the ten questions which have been sent to you.

In case yours is a group which has not been doing much about Social Action, thinking mistakenly that Social Action deals only with the race problem and that your church or town you have no race problems; we suggest you get some of the following materials and read them. "Social Action Guidebook," if you have it, read it again, if not send for it from 289 Fourth Avenue, N. Y. "Social Action Magazine," $1.50 year; "Christian Community," a program service of the Council of Social Action —at same address.

Quoting from Elizabeth Holland of The Guidebook, "The Christian citizen is the Good Samaritan plus—the person who is interested not only in social services to relieve the suffering caused by social evils, but also causes of social ill and evils." That "relieving and removing" appeals to feminine minds, it gives us something to get our hands on. If you are interested in agriculture, write to Shirley E. Greene for his monthly newsletter; if you work with with laboring people and want to know more about that field, write to Francis McPeek, Industrial Relations Secretary and secure his newsletter.

Have you seen Christian Community or Our Churches Look at Alcohol, or The Mid-Century White House Conference and the Church? Some problems have been written around the housing situation and there are publications to help you study in that field. With houses springing up like mushrooms, the scarity may be relieved but are our housing problems solved in the best way? International Relations in Your Church, and Christianity and Democracy in Europe are also discussed in recent issues of the program service. If you have thought there was nothing to get your hands on in this field of social action, does the foregoing give you some new ideas? How are the playgrounds in your community? One church group did some fine local social action in that field creating the interest of many women in the betterment of recreation for a large city area.

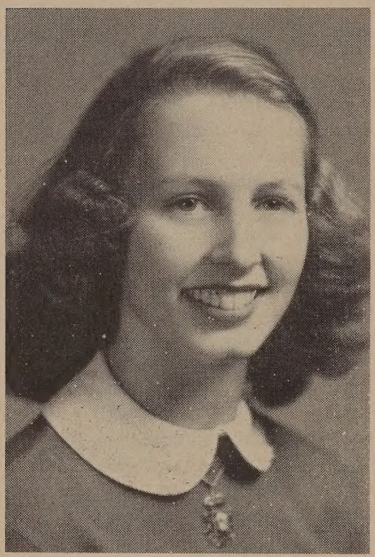
Why not plan to do something locally in Social Action this year! Then report it to your Chairman that we may tell others about it.

—Mrs. Elmer Erickson, Secretary.

PACIFIC SCHOOL OF RELIGION

Kansas Pilgrim Fellowship

Harry Schanker, President **Margaret Wilson, Secretary**



Mary Jo Huyck, K. C. Welborn
Secretary-Treasurer, Eastern Assoc.

Camp Wa-Shun-Ga

It is a lovely spot down in the trees, bordered by a stream rushing at the foot of a cliff which induces lofty thoughts as we sit in the twilight for Vespers, or actually leads us to lofty heights as we ascend to Vision Hill for our inspiring closing Communion Service.

It is days lived together with some of the finest youth of Kansas and adult leaders inspired to give of their best. Days which begin close to God through our Morning Watch, continue into friendly fellowship as we crowd into the dining room, unfold ideals and challenges to us as we examine our inner feelings and motives through the Quests and other activities in these hours that thrill us!

Is that Camp Wa-Shun-Ga? Not until we include the lasting friendships made there, the campfires, the new and ever-loved old songs, the swimming and boating, the athletic contests with their friendly rivalry and bantering, the peek into other lands given us by our Missionary, and many other things that make Camp fun-filled days. If you have been, you know the many things that make up Camp WA-SHUN-GA.

If you have not—well—all the campers urge you to take advantage of this opportunity to attend Camp this year, June 1-7 for Seniors and June 8-14 for Juniors. Make your plans now, start the camp fund with money-making activities; your church and church school will be happy to help with the expenses in order that many from each church can attend Camp this year. Your church will profit from the information and inspiration all receive through Camp WA-SHUN-GA.

—Uncle Elmer Erickson.

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Around The State

Great Bend Reports

Nine P.F. members, assisted by acolytes, ushers, a youth choir and accompanist, presented the 11 A.M., worship service, January 27. For our observance of Youth Week, we offered three P.F. speakers—Jack Travers, Susan Long and Bill Stejiskal, who gave sermonettes in place of the usual sermon by our minister. Their subjects were: "Loving God With One's Mind," "God, Youth and the Church," and "Why I am a Protestant." Each member has had some previous experience in standing

before the Sunday audience, as we take turns reading the scriptures at the morning service. That evening our sponsors gave the group a fine waffle supper, a pleasant finish to a busy and enjoyable day of active participation in the affairs of our church.

—Martha Milam.

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Pancake Supper

Liberal, Kansas and Olney, England were not the only towns flipping pancakes. On February 26 the Hutchinson Pilgrims served all the pancakes anyone could eat, sausages and a relish plate for 75¢. Proceeds go toward sending the group to Camp Wa-Shun-Ga.

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Ford

There was a Valentine party on February 4 for the young people. They do not have a P.F., but are having a Pastor's Class during Lent in preparation for church membership.

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Garden City

During January three stimulating meetings were held on the subject of Protestant-Catholic Relations. These meetings were followed by two programs on Race Relations. At one of these a negro minister spoke on "My Experience As a Negro." The Lenten program will center around "What Can We Believe?"

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Leavenworth Teen Town

Every Saturday night from 8 to 11 the large fellowship room in the basement of our Congregational Church at Leavenworth is open to teen-agers for recreation and fellowship. A cover charge of 10¢ per person goes toward costs of the project. Ping-pong, various games and dancing, with cokes and snacks available make for enjoyable evenings. Church groups assisted with the painting, redecorating and furnishing. The Rev. Howard Poetter, Minister, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Good, sponsors, and others have worked to make the project a success. On the opening night night last fall 80 young people attended. The project is advertised by posters and announcements in the local Senior and Junior High schools.

Chili Suppers

Topeka Seabrook P.F. served a chili supper at the church and raised enough money to pay their missionary pledge. The group is small and still quite new in P.F. activities and had fun learning to serve a public meal.

The Ellis P.F. served chili and vegetable soup, pie and coffee on January 30. This was a money-making project for the group.

Topeka Central

They began Brotherhood Week with a study of the Jewish religion which included attending the Friday evening service. On Sunday morning the group arose bright and early to attend a Catholic Mass after which they had breakfast together at the church. The week was climaxed with the showing of the movie, "One God."

New News Reporter

Please send all your P.F. news for the next three months to Gary Sick, Secretary-Treasurer, 318 Elm St., Russell, Kansas. Be sure to send it before the 20th of the month.

Camp Slides Are Ready

Get your bid in early so you will not be disappointed. There are about 60 colored slides and a script which show the camp grounds, some of the activities and most important of all the people who really make camp.

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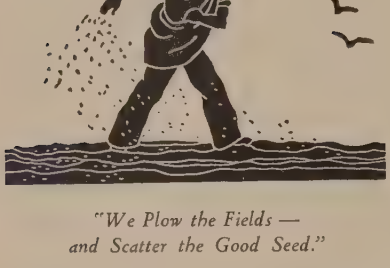
SPRING RALLIES: April 25-26

Eastern, Lawrence; Southern, Hutchinson; Western, Russell, April 27.

Christian Education

Pauline Bloomer, Director



"We Plow the Fields — and Scatter the Good Seed."

This is the name of the spring All-Church Project which is concerned with mission agricultural work for others in this country and around the world. It is also concerned with ways in which we help people who live close to the soil. The new Spring Program Manual gives a complete outline showing how to launch this project and how it will help in numerous areas. Our concern will be expressed through service and gifts of money. If you want friendly service suggestions to supplement your gifts of money, write to Children's Friendly Service, or Your People's Friendly Service, Room 508, 14 Beacon Street, Boston. An "All-Church Project Packet" has been made up and is available from the Conference Office. This will help in visualizing the project for the entire church school. Churches not using Pilgrim Series wil want to secure a Program Manual. There are a few copies available from Conference office. Money given for this project will support parts of Our Christian World Mission. About one-third will go to support conference; about one-fourth will go to the American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions. Another one-fourth will go to the Board of Home Missions. The balance will go to the Council for Social Action and to the Relief and Reconstruction Fund. The Program Manual gives in detail the specific missions. Additional printed materials and letters may be obtained from the Missions Council, 14 Beacon St., Boston. Puerto Rican Story; color, sound filmstrip, 18 minutes for young people and adults, and Boys of Southern Mountains, black and white filmstrip for primary and Junior are available from Conference office. Gifts are to be dedicated on Rural Life Sunday, May 18. Money is to be sent through the State Conference.

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Consider The Children During Lent

"What Devotional Books Should Children Have" by Mildred C. Widber is an excellent little guide for selecting good books. Available from Conference Office.

Don't miss the February issue of Children's Religion. It is full of ideas for Lent. It includes "Observing Lent with Children" by Roger Hazelton; "The Yearly Readjsutment" by Imogene McPherson and "Good Friday for Children" by Kendrick Baker.

You will not want to miss the Family Book, "The Family Discovers God's World" by Harriet Ames, 50¢.

Four lithographs have been reproduced from the current filmstrip on the life of Christ—"The Journey of the Wisemen," "Jesus in the Carpenter Shop," "The Rich Young Ruler," and "The Great Commission"—for framing or other uses in the church and home. $1.50 for set of 4 from The Christian Education Press, 1505 Race Street, Philadelphia, Pa.

Chuckwagon Party

FCC Ranch (sub-story of Church) was the destination January 17 for First Congregational young couples group at Great Bend. Invitations to this church and family night activity were issued on cleverly designed postal cards asking everyone to come wearing a "hint of the West." A variety program in charge of the Wagon Master included broncho bustin', tumble weed conservation, barbershop songs and square dancing. The menu included such items as roast wild pig, baked adobe beans, cactus juice, etc. A good time was had by all. (Shooting irons were checked at the desk).

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New Conference A-V Materials

Four new sound filmstrips on family life are now available from the Conference office. These are particularly for parents. They are not entertainment materials. Each has a guide for conducting class sessions and meetings.

No Easy Answer illustrates four common problems and suggests solutions. No problems have ready made or easy answers.

Built Upon The Rock shows tensions of modern living and Christian ways of relieving the strain. A home built upon the rock of Christian principles can withstand these tensions.

For The Record is on how we help "Grow Christians" in the family. Mae and Lew Perry learn how to help Billy Perry for his sake and for the world's.

A Harvest From Holidays. Sometimes parents have to create opportunities to teach eternal truths. This shows how the Bensons used significant family celebrations to enrich family life.

Wonders of God will be available for the spring quarter for church school use. This black and white filmstrip will help children and adults appreciate more fully the everyday wonders of our world which we often take for granted. Stars, weather, trees, flowers, insects, minerals, and people are covered.

So Much To Be Done. John Maeser explains to his pastor how his conviction about serving his church grew out of his experiences while attending a church related college. Black and white with recorded script and shows how our colleges are helping strengthen churches for our country's needs. 15 minutes—young people.

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Laforet Workshop

Church School officers, teachers and others interested in learning to become more proficient in the church school will want to mark the dates July 30-August 3 on your calendar for the Leadership Workshop. This year registration must be limited to 130. We urge churches to consider supplementing expenses of delegates. This Workshop is sponsored by the Colorado and Kansas Conferences with the Central South Conference participating. Folders are now available from the Conference.

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Photo Album

This is a small pamphlet published by the Board of Home Missions showing some authorized work to be done. Be sure to see it. Copies are available from State Conference. If you want them in quantity write Board of Home Missions, 287 Fourth Ave., N. Y.

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Family Activities

Be sure to read page 12 of Pilgrim Series Spring Program manual for pre-Easter family observances.

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Plan Observance

National Family Week
May 4 to 11.

Kansas Laymen's Fellowship

Chester Bidleman, Chairman

Every Layman . . . .

1. Needs to sit down with other men in his church and consider some of the problems of his local church.
2. Should take some time to see where he can make the most worthwhile contribution to his church.
3. Should spread the news of his church. He should attend regularly and get others to do so. Should help to get new members.
4. Should examine his stewardship. He should give liberally to his church and to Our Christian World Mission. Only then can the work of his church become really effective.

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Great Bend

The Churchmanship School was held at Great Bend on February 10. There were 41 persons registered and from the following churches; Great Bend, Garden City, Ford, Russell and Kinsley. Rev. Hans Poppe of Russell brought the address, which presented many things worthy of consideration by the laymen present. The people of the Great Bend Church were gracious hosts to members from the visiting churches.

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Film Available

A series of 2 x 2 slides with a printed script has been prepared by the Baptist laymen of Michigan. These slides referred to as the Joe Doaks film, presents the famous Phillips discussion method in a very forceful way. These are being used in our churchmanship schools and are available to men's groups over the state. Groups interested are urged to make a request to the state chairman at Kinsley sometime in advance of date desired.

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Kiowa Men

Thirty-seven men attended the February meeting where plans for further improvements on the church basement were made. A movie taken by Delmar Lewis in Alaska and one taken by Bob Talbott at the Gulf were shown.

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Hiawatha Fish Fry

On January 22, thirty-five members and friends gathered at the Congregational Church for a strictly stag fish fry. forty pounds of fish with all the trimmings were prepared by masculine cooks in a variety of kitchen aprons.

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Maple Hill Men

From 50 to 60 men meet each month at Maple Hill to face community problems and enjoy a program and fellowship. On February 27 they saw the movie, "Love Thy Neighbor."

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Fairmount Men

This newly organized group meets the second Friday of each month. A $1.00 dinner is served each time by one of the Women's Circles. Twenty men attended the January meeting where A. E. Crawford was elected President.

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For four consecutive evenings in March this group worked with sand paper and paint brushes redecorating the church basement for Church School and dining purposes.

Seaman Story

Pictured are members of the Fa-Ho-o Class of Seaman Church giving the ning tables and chairs a final coat of aint. This couples class (some of the ounger ones born during "Doc" Dull's astorate) with Mrs. Boyce Forbes as acher, has a very important place in e program of the church. They are quare Dance enthusiasts and use this ethod to keep their Athletic Fund ade-uate for the Basketball and Softball ams. The men are also farming a ten-re tract and hope for nice profits om oats and alfalfa.

The other picture shows women of he Guild doing last minute polishing reparatory to serving the Ministers' onvocation Dinner. The kitchen and l equipment has been repaired and re-corated.

There will never be a happier day an that day when repairs are com-eted and this is not too far off. Fel-wship Hall, with dining equipment d church school tables and benches e complete; the walls of rose, light een furniture and new drapes gives e a good feeling just to be there. The apel is complete except for more need-furniture. Two class rooms on second oor; one departmental room in base-nt are almost finished. The re-odeled and modernized office and pas-tor's study were some of the first repairs made.

The sanctuary, painted in off-white with pews the same and dark walnut trimmed, floor covered with maroon and granite tile, all are bringing to completion a room much more beautiful than even was dreamed. The Chancel furniture is under construction and it is hoped that by Easter the entire church will be repaired and redecorated. All floors, except basement, are covered with asphalt tile, and all woodwork through the church, except sanctuary, is a soft grey.

The second floor rooms at the parsonage are being redecorated and this will complete the work necessary for "Doc" and Mattie to again be comfortable.

While enjoying all this beauty, all the repairs and equipment which will make the church more efficient in "The Beloved Community," Seaman folk are ever mindful that this transformation could not have been possible except for the generosity of the churches of our Kansas fellowship, their gracious people, the Board of Home Missions, Kansas Pilgrim Fellowship, and the host of known and unknown friends from far and near.

You have made the words of the poet, "A thing of beauty, is a joy forever" a reality.

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From Conference Summary

Even Break

During 1951 one church was added and one church dropped from our Kansas rolls. Wichita Pilgrim, organized a year ago was added with a net gain of 236 members. At Pleasant Valley, a defunct rural church, inactive for years, the old building was sold and the name dropped from our rolls.

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Pastors and Churches

We have 64 pastors serving 70 churches in the state; eight churches are served by part-time supplies; 8 churches are inactive, and 7 churches vacant. There are 93 churches listed in the yearbook.

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Membership

The total Kansas membership according to clerk's reports January 1, 1952 is 17, 879. During 1951, 1,860 members were added—756 of these on confession of faith. Kansas net gain for 1951 was 972. This leaves a net gain of 2,121 to be made by 1954 if we are to reach our goal of 20,000 by the Centennial Celebration.

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Church School

Church School enrollment has increased from 10,097 to 10,777, a net gain of 680. Eight more vacation schools were held in 1951 with a total of 41 schools and an enrollment of 2,376. Enrollment in Youth Groups showed a slight decrease.

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Giving

On the giving side, Kansas shows a marked increase in giving to State needs due to the generous response of our churches to the Flood Emergency. A total of $14,681 more was given to State work in 1951 than in 1950. The increase to the boards was $2,490.00 making a total of $69,869.00 in budgeted giving to O.C.W.M., and an additional $15,728.00 to other gifts with a grand total of $85,597.00.

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Improvements and New Churches

On the local finance side, Home Expenses increased $43,582 for a total of $458,076. Forty-six churches spent $98,669 for improvements to their present property. Five churches spent $288,554 for new church buildings. Three churches spent $24,115 for parsonages. Total paid on debts was $30,208 leaving an indebtedness on 20 properties of $282,703. The value of our church properties passed the four million mark this year.